

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 88-164

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS AND
CALCULATION OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME PROVISION OF
PUBLIC LAW 100-435, THE HUNGER PREVENTION ACT OF
1988

The Hunger Prevention Act of 1988 was enacted into law on September 19, 1988 as Public Law 100-435. One of the provisions of this Act changes reporting requirements and calculation of income for certain categories of Food Stamp households. This letter is to provide the County Welfare Departments (CWDs) with implementation instructions for this provision.

Food Stamp Manual Section 63-505.21 currently excludes migrant farmworker households and households in which all adult members are elderly or disabled with no earned income from monthly reporting/retrospective budgeting (MRRB). Under the Hunger Prevention Act, this exclusion has been extended to homeless and seasonal farmworker households.

Although federal regulations will not be published until sometime in January or February of 1989, to avoid client hardship the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) has instructed California to implement these provisions immediately.

Effective February 1, 1989, the following categories of households will be exempt from monthly reporting income in addition to the two other categories discussed above. Income will be budgeted prospectively for these households:

1. Seasonal farmworker households.
2. Households in which all members are homeless individuals as defined in 63-102.2(h).

CWDs shall implement this provision effective February 1, 1989 for all new applicants and for currently participating households, at recertification or when the CWD becomes aware of potential eligibility. Upon receipt of the federal rule, state regulations will be processed.

If you have further questions regarding the implementation of these provisions, please contact Michele Hansen, AFDC and Food Stamp Policy Implementation Bureau at (916) 322-5330.



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